

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 12**

**June 20, 2001**

**SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF ARRESTS FOR INTERFERING, RESISTING  
ARREST, OR ASSAULT ON AN OFFICER**

**PURPOSE:** The United States Department of Justice and the City of Los Angeles have entered into a legally binding agreement known as the Consent Decree. The Consent Decree mandates the Department develop specific procedures when a person is charged with interfering, resisting arrest, or assault on an officer, the watch commander shall evaluate each arrest to determine whether it raises issues or concerns regarding training, policy, or tactics.

This Order establishes a pre-booking evaluation procedure for watch commanders to follow when an arrest is made for interfering, resisting arrest, or assault on an officer.

**PROCEDURE:**

**I. WATCH COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITY.** When a person is charged with interfering, resisting arrest, or assault on an officer, the watch commander shall conduct a pre-booking evaluation to determine whether issues or concerns regarding training, policy, or tactics need to be addressed. Additionally, the watch commander shall:

- \* Document that an evaluation was completed on the Watch Commander's Daily Report, Form 15.80;
- \* Take appropriate action when the results of the evaluation raise issues or concerns regarding training, policy, or tactics; and,
- \* Reference all forms used for documentation associated with the results of the pre-booking evaluation on the Watch Commander's Daily Report.

**Note:** The use of the Watch Commander's Daily Report to document personnel issues associated with evaluations, compromises the confidentiality of employee files. Therefore, the watch commander shall document negative duty performance, training needs, and any counseling associated with the evaluation on an Employee Comment Sheet (Office of the Chief of Police Notice, March 15, 1995).

When the results of the evaluation are documented on a separate report, it is not necessary to duplicate the evaluation on another report.

**II. COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY.** The commanding officer shall ensure watch commanders complete a pre-booking evaluation of persons charged with interfering, resisting arrest, or assault on an officer and, when necessary, complete the appropriate documentation.

**AMENDMENTS:** This Order amends Section 4/216.22 of the Department Manual.

**AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY:** The Commanding Officer, Administrative Group, shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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